Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gene Hoffman and Joan Humphrey exchanged their wedding vows on January 28, 1956, in Pierre, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Gene and Joan gave life and love to four children, Deborah, Billie Jo, Bruce and Jane, who in turn presented them with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Gene and Joan established homes in several South Dakota communities, as well as two cities in California as a result of moves with Gene's employer, the U.S. Geological Survey Office, from which he retired; and,

Whereas, Joan combined motherhood and work outside the home while attaining an education through her masters degree, most recently retiring as an instructor with Western Dakota Technical Institute; and,

Whereas, Gene and Joan chose to retire in Rapid City in order to enjoy a milder climate and the many adventures of the Black Hills, and find pleasure in traveling from coast-to-coast visiting their children and grandchildren and attending numerous family reunions; and,

Whereas, Family and friends will join Gene and Joan on February 4, 2006, at Deadwood, South Dakota, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who has shared life's beauty and sorrow and has grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State